

WHAT IS JOB CORPS?



IT'S YOUR TICKET TO SUCCESS!

Look closely...everyone pictured in this brochure is an actual Job Corps student, graduate or instructor.

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WHAT IS JOB CORPS?

Job Corps is a free, residential education and training program that each year helps almost 70,000 students between the ages of 16 and 24 gain the experience they need to get a better job and take control of their lives. The program offers you an opportunity to learn a trade, the chance to get your high school diploma or GED and help getting a job. Job Corps also provides you with a counselor who you can call for help for one year after you graduate.

Simply put, Job Corps provides you with an opportunity to develop the skills you need to succeed in a promising career.

Are you ready for Job Corps?

Job Corps is committed to offering all students a safe, drug-free environment where they can take advantage of the resources provided. Like with any other educational program, Job Corps has rules to follow, including a Zero Tolerance Policy for drugs and violence.

How much does it cost?

Job Corps is a federally funded program that will cost you nothing. When you join the program you will get paid a monthly allowance; the longer you stay with the program, the greater your allowance will be.

How do I get there?

If you do not have transportation to the center you have chosen, Job Corps will provide it for you. Don't worry, your admissions counselor will make your travel arrangements and share all the details with you in advance.



WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Each Job Corps center is unique. They all, however, have a campuslike setting with dormitories where you will live. The dorms are divided into male and female sections, and depending on the center, you can have from one to eight roommates. Some centers also serve nonresidential students who live close to the center.

When you arrive on center, you will also receive a student handbook and a schedule of activities. You will be asked to complete a variety of government forms. A designated buddy will then give you a tour and answer any questions you may have about the center or programs offered there. You will also be assigned to your dormitory room where bed linens, bath towels and a locker will be provided.

Can I leave at night or on weekends?

For students who live on center, a pass is required to leave. Passes are distributed to students for weekend visits with family or overnight trips off center. They are also given for holidays as well as any emergency situations that may arise.

Can I visit home?

Yes. Job Corps provides for visits home. Your parent or guardian is also welcome to visit the Job Corps center any time.



What do I take with me?

These are items we recommend bringing with you:

- Personal care items such as shampoo, hairbrush, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Makeup, curling iron, electric razor or any other toiletries you may need
- Personal items such as an alarm clock, photos, radio and books
- Centers will provide trade uniforms depending on your type of training. Bring everyday clothes to wear at the end of the training day.

Is there anything I can't bring?

While Job Corps offers you an opportunity to bring certain personal items, they do not allow: cars, bikes, pagers, cell phones, T-shirts with offensive wording, televisions, weapons, large amounts of jewelry, expensive clothing, or any item that promotes drugs, alcohol or violence.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GET THERE?

When you first get to your Job Corps center, you will work with teachers and staff to develop your own career plan. Your plan will help you to focus on your educational and training goals and will serve as your guide to what you will accomplish while you are in Job Corps. You will also work with Job Corps staff on your resumé and your job interview and job search skills – all in the first few weeks in the program. In addition, you will also work to master a variety of important computer skills that many jobs now require.

Computer Skills

Many employers want the people they hire to have specific word processing and other computer program experience. Using your career plan as a guide, you will work with Job Corps staff to learn the computer skills that many employers are looking for when they hire new employees.

Resumé Development

When you interview for a job almost all employers want to see whether or not you have the appropriate skills and experience. Job Corps staff will work with you to put together your own resumé that will show employers you have the knowledge and the training they need.

Interview Skills

Often, employers decide who they are going to hire based on a personal interview. At Job Corps, you will work with staff to practice your interview skills so potential employers will know you are well-qualified and motivated to succeed.



How long do I stay at Job Corps?

If you choose to enroll in Job Corps, your training can take from eight months to two years. Job Corps encourages students to remain in the program for at least a year. This will help you gain the knowledge, training and social skills needed to start a career and a new life.

Why does it take eight months to two years to get trained?

Job Corps is a self-paced program. You study and learn according to your own ability. It takes time to master the skills necessary to get a really good job. The important things in life don't always come easy.

Why do I have to live at the Job Corps center?

The Job Corps program is designed to teach you about work and life, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. By living with others you will learn to get along with people from diverse backgrounds. These life skills will be essential to you when you enter the workforce. There are nonresidential slots available, usually for older students who live nearby or students who have special needs.

HOW CAN JOB CORPS HELP ME GET A BETTER JOB?

Job Corps will help you get a better job because it gives you the opportunity to learn the specific skills that employers look for. The personalized career plan you develop when you join the program will be your roadmap to a better job and a better life for you and your family.

Train For A Career With A Real Future

You will begin by working with a counselor to develop a personalized career plan and choose an area in which you will train. Job Corps works hard to make sure that all of the career areas students can choose from offer good-paying job opportunities.

Hands-On Training In Your Chosen Career Area

The training is hands-on at Job Corps, and staff work with real employers to make sure that the skills you will learn are the ones employers are looking for when they hire new employees.

Education + Training = Promising Career

Many employers today want their employees to have the specific skills that apply to their business **and** a high school diploma or GED. At the same time that you are learning important skills and gaining experience in your career area, Job Corps provides you with the opportunity to earn your high school diploma or GED. With training **and** education, you will be well-prepared for a promising career.

Job Corps Will Help You Find A Job In Your Career Area

Job Corps staff work hard every day to find good-paying jobs for students. As you get ready to enter the working world, a Job Corps staff member will help you find a job that matches your training. You will work with your career counselor to practice your interview skills, finalize your resumé and find a good-paying job.



**Training is
available in
the following
career areas:**

(may vary according to location)

Accounting/
Data Processing
Auto Body Repair
Auto Mechanics
Bricklaying
Business/Clerical
Carpentry
Cement Mason
Computer Repair
Culinary Arts
Data Entry
Electrical
Facilities Maintenance
Health Occupations
Heavy Equipment
Hotel Clerk
Painting
Plumbing
Retail Sales
Security Services
Warehousing
Welding
...and more!

HOW DOES JOB CORPS HELP ME AFTER I GRADUATE?

Sometimes beginning a new career can be difficult. In order to succeed in your new job, you will have to find housing, transportation to and from work and child care if you have a family.

For a year after you graduate, your Job Corps career counselor will stay in touch with you regularly to make sure that things are going well. If you have a specific problem in your job, or need help finding housing or transportation, you can call a Job Corps staff member and they will help you keep on track for success.

It is important that your counselor always knows how to get in touch with you. By staying in touch with Job Corps after you graduate, you can make your transition to your new career easier.



WHY IS JOB CORPS FOR ME?

If you want to begin a career with real opportunities for your future, Job Corps is for you. If you want the security of a good-paying job, Job Corps is for you. If you want more out of life, including a career that may one day allow you to own a home and buy a new car, Job Corps is for you. If you are motivated to work hard to have a better life, Job Corps is for you. If you are serious about taking control of your life, Job Corps is for you.

Will I feel safe on center?

Job Corps is committed to your safety on center. We have a Zero Tolerance Policy for drugs and violence, meaning they are not tolerated. Any drug use or possession or any violent act is grounds for being sent home. All students are tested for drugs upon entering the program. In addition, theft or sexual misconduct is grounds for expulsion. Job Corps is concerned about your safety and wants to provide an environment that is supportive for people who want to learn.

I've already got a job. Why do I need Job Corps?

Job Corps offers training for jobs which have a future that extends well beyond minimum wage. Job Corps centers work with local employers to make sure your training is up to date and matches real jobs.

Does Job Corps really help me find a job after I get trained?

Yes. You will be assigned a counselor who will help you find work. To get the most help possible, it is important that the counselor always has your phone number and address.



WHO ARE THE OTHER JOB CORPS STUDENTS?

Job Corps students come from all over. One great advantage to being on center is the opportunity to learn about different cultures and to make friends with people you may not have met otherwise.

Can I leave the program if I don't like it?

Yes. No one will keep you in Job Corps against your will. But, it is important that you make a commitment to give it your very best try before you enter the program.

What is there to do at night or on weekends?

Most centers have a gym as well as a recreational hall with games. Some centers have specially arranged recreational activities such as sports events and visits to tourist sites. There are also TV rooms in most of the dorms. On weekends students travel to malls, movies and concerts.



WHY JOB CORPS? BECAUSE HAVING A **FUTURE** **IS** **COOL.**

(Ask the thousands of graduates who now have one.)



JOB CORPS Success lasts a **lifetime**

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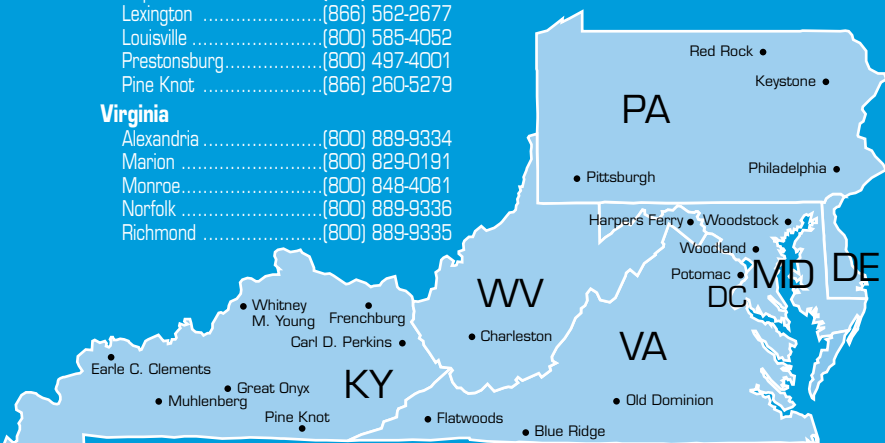
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